

1	2
10. Nagda-Bhopal	238
11. Itarsi-Burhanpur	257
12. Bina-Katni-Bilaspur and Anuppur-Bishrampur/Chirimiri	777
13. Durga-Muranda	16
Total	2741

(b) and (c). At present, no electrification work is in progress in Madhya Pradesh. There is no proposal at present for electrification in Madhya Pradesh during near future.

#### Jobs to Pilots

1043. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :  
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons in the country having Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL), Senior Commercial Pilot Licence (SCPL) and Air Lines Transport Pilot Licence (ALTP);

(b) the number of persons out of them having foreign converted licence;

(c) the number of above licence-holders out of them who are still unemployed; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide them jobs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) : (a) Licence-wise, the number of persons are as follows :

(i) Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL)-3643

(ii) Senior Commercial Pilot Licence (SCPL)-1153

(iii) Airlines Transport Pilot Licence (ALTP)-2119

(b) Different foreign converted licences numberwise are as under :

(i) CPL - 450

(ii) SCPL - 1

(iii) ALTP - 16

(c) and (d). No records of employed/unemployed pilots are maintained. Moreover, issuing of licences is not linked with demand for employment of pilots.

#### Water Logged Areas

1044. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the

difficulties experienced by the telephone consumers of water logged areas in the country particularly in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following difficulties are experienced :

(i) Restricted accessibility in water logged areas causes delay in restoration of faults

(ii) More number of Telephone instruments going faulty due to moisture.

(c) Steps taken for improvement :

(i) Network upgradation by reliable media both for local and junction working.

(ii) Improving the quality of telephone instruments.

(iii) Replacement of Electro-Mechanical Exchanges by Electronic Exchanges.

(iv) Replacement of fault prone paper core cables by moisture proof jelly filled cables

#### Extension of Bhopal-Rajkot Express upto Jabalpur

1045. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to extend the Bhopal-Rajkot Express upto Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, the final decision taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

#### Tender System in Railways

1046. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for making the tender system of Railways more transparent to check bungling therein;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The existing Tendering System followed by the Indian Railways is based on the elaborate procedures laid down in the Indian Railway Stores Code and it ensures transparency